Agitation by Agricultural Technocrats in Punjab

2044. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agricultural technocrats in Punjab are on an agitating mood; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Sir, Government of India is not aware of any agitation amongst the Agricultural technocrats working under Government of India in Punjab. It has, however, been reported by Govt. of Punjab that some Agricultural technocrats working under the State Government of Punjab have been agitating for removal of anomalies in their pay scales. The matter pertains to the State Government of Punjab.

Kalinda Project of Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.

2045. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the Kalinda (AP) project of the Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals;

(b) what were the original estimates of the cost and time schedule of the project;

(c) what is the estimated cost and time overrun of the project; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in completion of the project and by when it would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) The project is located in Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. Most of the design/engineering has been completed and civil works are nearing completion. Orders for all major items of equipments, machinery and materials have been placed and erection work is in progress.

(b) The original project cost was estimated at Rs. 635 crores in 1986, with an implementation schedule of 35 months for mechanical completion.

(c) and (d) The project cost is now estimated at Rs. 785 crores. Government took the foreign collaboration agreements on record in July, 1987 and the zero date should normally be computed two months thereafter i.e. from October, 1987. The zero date, in fact, began from 5th September 1988, when down payments were made to the foreign collaborators. Thus, there was an initial delay of about eleven months in the start-up of implementation. The project is expected to be mechanically completed in August 1991 in which case the time overrun would be about eleven months.

Number of Mother Dairies

2046. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing number of Mother Dairies in Delhi, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal;

(b) whether the National Dairy Development Board is planning to set up some more Mother Dairies to meet the milk demand of Delhi, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) There is one Mother Dairy each in Delhi, Tamil Nadu at Ambattur (Madras) and West Bengal at Calcutta.